

Appl. No. : 10/820,381
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REMARKS

In an action mailed September 7, 2005, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the species of Figures 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, and 29. In response to the election requirement, Applicants elect to proceed, without traverse, with prosecution on the merits of the species directed to Figure 8. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-4 and 42-43 read upon this elected species.

Applicants further submit that, contrary to the Examiner's assertions, at least Claim 42 is generic to all of the species identified by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing addresses the election requirements of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for examination on the merits, and respectfully request the same. Applicants also respectfully request entry of the amendments to Claims 22, 30, 42, and 43 prior to examination on the merits.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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